



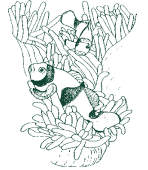
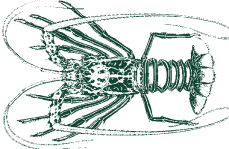





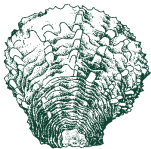

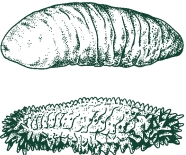




Summary of Palau national domestic fishing laws (1)

	SPECIES	MINIMUM SIZE	HARVESTING SEASON	OTHER RESTRICTIONS	CRIMINAL PENALTIES
	Groupers Tiau; katuu'tiau; mokas; ksau'temekai; meteungerel'temekai	No	Closed: April–July		1 st conviction: up to \$250 2 nd conviction: up to \$500 and 30 days in jail 3 rd conviction: \$1000 and 6 months in jail Thereafter: \$5000 and 1 year in jail
	Rabbitfish Meyas	No	Closed: February–March		1 st conviction: up to \$250 2 nd conviction: up to \$500 and 30 days in jail 3 rd conviction: \$1000 and 6 months in jail Thereafter: \$5000 and 1 year in jail
	Humphead parrotfish Berbeded; kemeduki; fahorari hamaduhiri	Closed permanently	Closed permanently	No possession No export	1 st conviction: up to \$250 2 nd conviction: up to \$500 and 30 days in jail 3 rd conviction: \$1000 and 6 months in jail Thereafter: \$5000 and 1 year in jail
	Napoleon wrasse Ngimer; mami; fahorari mami	Closed permanently	Closed permanently	No possession No export	1 st conviction: up to \$250 2 nd conviction: up to \$500 and 30 days in jail 3 rd conviction: \$1000 and 6 months in jail Thereafter: \$5000 and 1 year in jail
	Aquarium species	No	Open	Fishing and export restricted to people in possession of an Aquarium Permit	1 st conviction: up to \$250 2 nd conviction: up to \$500 and 30 days in jail 3 rd conviction: \$1000 and 6 months in jail Thereafter: \$5000 and 1 year in jail
	Rock lobsters Cherapruki; raiklius; bleyached; melech; uul; uuh	3.5 inches total length of carapace	Open	No export; no taking of egg- bearing females whatever the length; no possession of un- dersized specimens	1 st conviction: up to \$250 2 nd conviction: up to \$500 and 30 days in jail 3 rd conviction: \$1000 and 6 months in jail Thereafter: \$5000 and 1 year in jail
	Mangrove crab Emang	6 inches greatest distance across width of carapace	Open	No export; no taking of egg- bearing females whatever the length; no possession of un- dersized specimens	1 st conviction: up to \$250 2 nd conviction: up to \$500 and 30 days in jail 3 rd conviction: \$1000 and 6 months in jail Thereafter: \$5000 and 1 year in jail
	Coconut crab Ketat; yefi	4 inches greatest distance across width of carapace	Open	No export; no taking of egg- bearing females whatever the length; no possession of un- dersized specimens	1 st conviction: up to \$250 2 nd conviction: up to \$500 and 30 days in jail 3 rd conviction: \$1000 and 6 months in jail Thereafter: \$5000 and 1 year in jail
	Green turtle Melob; woru	34 inches carapace length	Closed June–August and December–January	No taking of eggs; no taking of female while she is on shore	Up to 6 months in jail, or Up to \$100, or Both of the above
	Hawksbill turtle Ngasech; hachab; hasab	27 inches carapace length	Closed June–August and December–January	No taking of eggs; no taking of female while she is on shore	Up to 6 months in jail, or Up to \$100, or Both of the above

Summary of Palau national domestic fishing laws (2)

	SPECIES	MINIMUM SIZE	HARVESTING SEASON	OTHER RESTRICTIONS	CRIMINAL PENALTIES
	Giant clams Otkang; ribkungel; kism; melibes; oruer; duadab/duadue	No	Open	No export (except cultured specimens)	No less than \$300 for each violation, or Up to 2 years in jail for each violation, or Both of the above
	Blacklip pearl oyster Chesiuch	4 inches diameter across the shell	Closed August–December		Up to 6 months in jail, or Up to \$100, or Both of the above
	Trochus Semum; ekoek	3 inches basal diameter	Designated from year to year by Olbiil Era Kelulau	State Governments can designate closed areas during open seasons	\$100 for each undersized trochus
	Sea cucumbers Bakelungal- chedelkelek; bakelungal-cherou; temetamel; badelchelid; melech; eremrum; periperi	No	Open	No export	1 st conviction: up to \$250 2 nd conviction: up to \$500 and 30 days in jail 3 rd conviction: \$1000 and 6 months in jail Thereafter: \$5000 and 1 year in jail
	Dugong Mesekiu	Closed permanently	Closed permanently	No possession No export	1 st conviction: No less than \$5000, or 3 months – 1 year in jail 2 nd conviction: No less than \$10000, or 6 months – 3 years in jail
	Sponges, hard corals and marine rock Rurout; merand; bad l'chei	No	Open	No export	Up to 6 months in jail, or Up to \$100, or Both of the above

OTHER PROHIBITED ACTIONS	CRIMINAL PENALTIES
Fishing while using any form of underwater breathing apparatus other than a snorkel.	\$500 fine, or Up to 1 year in jail, or Both of the above for each violation
Making any entry or statement in writing completed or submitted in connection with the export of fish which is false or misleading.	Fine of not less than \$400, or 6 months to 2 years in jail, or Both of the above for each violation
1. Fishing with gill or surround net with a mesh size of less than 3 inches measured diagonally. 2. Retaining, possessing or abandoning kesokes net with a mesh size of less than 3 inches measured diagonally.	1 st conviction: up to \$250 2 nd conviction: up to \$500 and 30 days in jail 3 rd conviction: \$1000 and 6 months in jail Thereafter: \$5000 and 1 year in jail
1. Fishing with poison or explosives 2. Putting poison or explosives in the water for any reason, even by mistake	Felony: \$100–2000 fine and 6 months to 2 years in jail \$100 fine and Up to 6 months in jail

